

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0117] with the following amended paragraph:

[0117] Another problem solved by some ~~embodiments~~embodiments is that of providing secure communications between an emergency operation center (EOC) and the residents at potential risk from an emergency. As previously described, there exists a problem with current means for providing citizens with emergency warnings. These problems include the difficulty of reaching only a portion of the citizen base, and the difficulty in making sure that the warning system is secure such that unsavory characters cannot use the system to annoy or harass citizens.